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11. Econoff delivered ref demarche to the Deputy Director General of the Taiwan Intellectual Property Office (TIPO), Jack Lu. Lu and his staff had just returned from training in Washington with USPTO and had already been extensively briefed on the STOP! initiative. Lu expressed Taiwan's willingness to fully participate in any US initiatives to prevent intellectual property piracy and touted Taiwan's recent gains in protecting IP, including the passage of amendments to the copyright law and the November 1 "legalization" of the ad hoc intellectual property special task force. He was concerned, however, that the provision in the initiative that called for publishing the names of companies and individuals involved in piracy in USTR's Special 301 report might violate privacy rights.

12. While in Washington, Lu, accompanied by Section Chiefs Margaret Chen and Bennet Chen, met with USTR and trade associations concerned with IPR to lobby for Taiwan's removal from the Special 301 list. Lu said his meetings with the International Intellectual Property Association (IIPA) and USTR had been "very positive and very productive", and while no one had been willing to commit to completely removing Taiwan from the Special 301 list, he was optimistic that Taiwan's recent measures to improve the local IPR environment would be recognized and rewarded.

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